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1. On 31 January 1957 [redacted] (S/TC), McMahon (ONI) and [redacted] (S/TR) met to discuss Part IV of the EDAC Shipping Controls Paper (OEE Project No. 40.1708). As a result it was agreed that CIA (S/TR) would provide the contribution on Section 1, Sino-Soviet Bloc Shipping in Bloc World Trade which at a minimum will consist of bloc ocean shipping ton-kilometer (TKM) performance for 1955 divided into liquid and dry cargoes. If possible it will include a breakdown of the performance of bloc ships engaged in foreign trade (east-west and intra-bloc) and domestic traffic.

2. Section 2, Western Shipping in Bloc Trade in 1955 will be provided by the Navy. This, it was agreed, would entail a voyage analysis of western shipping so engaged, based on ONI social publications. The results will be provided in the form of the total number of western vessels engaged in bloc trade (tanker and dry cargo), their total GRT, the total tons of cargo they carried, and the ton-miles they performed, by type of involvement (i.e., charter, tramp and liner services). It was recognized that the greatest deficiency in available information for this contribution pertains to cargo tonnages. Such data probably is available, however, for more than half of the voyages and it was agreed that estimates would have to be made for the remainder. Navy's contribution is expected by 1 April 1957, allowing S/TR two weeks to integrate it into the final draft of Section IV.

3. Section 3, Estimated Total Bloc Requirements in 1960 will be done by S/TR, based on Sections 1 and 2 and projections to 1960. The principal difficulty in preparing this section will be in deriving an estimate of non-bloc shipping services in TKM for 1960. Using the same ratio as prevailed during 1955 appears to be the principal means available, but it was recognized that, in the light of current bloc efforts to have its fleet carry a large share of its foreign seaborne trade, the conclusion may be biased. S/TR will investigate means of making an independent estimate and will try also to evaluate the prospects of bloc ocean transport plan fulfillment based on merchant shipping availability and operating efficiency expected in 1960.

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3. Continued coordination between Navy and CIA during preparation of Section IV is contemplated.

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